

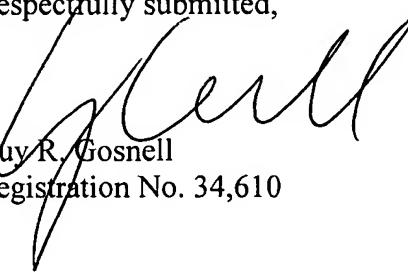
REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated March 7, 2005 entered the prior Amendment dated February 15, 2005, but continued to reject Claims 1, 3 and 4 and object to Claims 2 and 5-8. Although Applicants still disagree with the substance of the rejection, Claims 1-8 are hereby canceled in order to expedite advancement of Claims 9-15 to issuance without prejudice to presentation of Claims 1-8 in any continuation application. In this regard, Claims 9-15 have previously been allowed such that the application should be in condition for immediate allowance now that Claims 1-8 have been canceled.

In view of these supplemental amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims of the patent application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

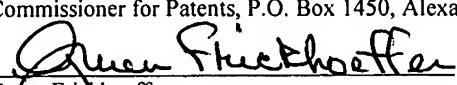

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